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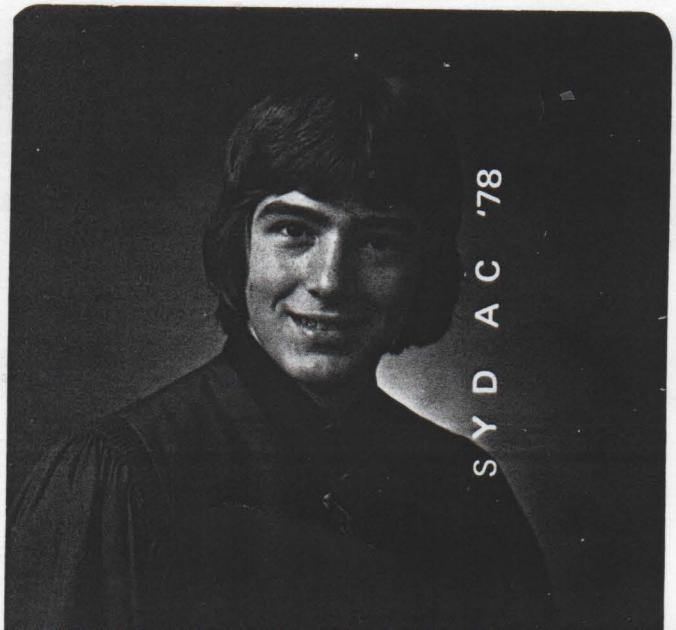
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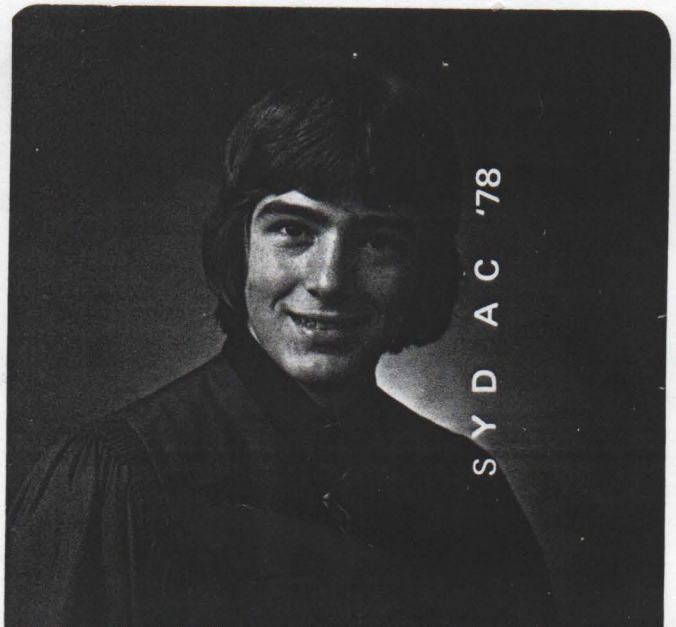
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The Gniewek Family

Page 1: Lawernce G (grandfather), Domic G (father), Victoria (wife)
Right Front Girl, Julie Gniewek-Ardelli

Page 2: No info on photos

Page 3: L – Mikie Paruch
R – Domic Gniewek

Page 4: 1) Family Photo
Front Row: Karen, Mary, Vickie and Tony
Back Row: Domic, Kevin and Larry

Page 5: Kevin Gniewek with Sports trophies

Page 6: Larry as Alter Boy – 1962 Holy Communion, 5 years old

Page 7: Larry in hat

Page 8: Rose and Kevin at their Wedding

Page 9: 1) At Margarie, woman holding three boys
Domic, Kevin and Larry (at far right)

Page 10: Air Cadets, Larry

Page 11: Group at Polish Church during the Christmas play
Center Back Row – Domic Gniewek

Page 12: (From top to bottom)
1) Albert and Diane Nordeen with children

2) Mane Petrie – Grandmother with Larry Gniewek

3) Domic, 1978 Grad Photo, Sydney Academy

Page 13: Larry and Mother Mary

Page 14: Domic (father) Gniewek

PIONEERS: LAWRENCE (WAWRZYNIEC) and VICTORIA GNIEWEK

Lawrence Gniewek was born August 10, 1883, in Rzeszow, Poland. He came to Sydney 1906. Victoria Adamczyk was born in May, 1886 and arrived in Sydney about 1909.

They had been friends in Poland before crossing the ocean to Canada. Lawrence and Victoria were married March 30, 1910, in Holy Redeemer Church by Rev.R.MacInnis.

Their marriage was blessed with seven children, namely: Helen (d.), Mary (d.), Julia (Ardelli), Tony (d.), Elizabeth (Sheppard), Dominic and Teresa(Siller). All of them except Victoria, Mrs. Gniewek, are shown in the wedding photo of Julia and Marian Ardelli.

#1 Wedding Picture

Lawrence was a member of St. Michael's Benefit Society from the start. In 1959 when the Society celebrated its 50th. anniversary, he was the only surviving Charter Member.

He worked in the Open Hearth Dept. as Pit Foreman until he retired in 1946 at age 63.

Victoria was an early president of the Matka Boska Saletynska Society. When she distributed the La Salette Magazine, her older daughters were willing helpers. Victoria died young, on Dec. 21,1930, at age 44. Lawrence died on March 9, 1963, at age 79.

Dominic and Mary Gniewek

Dominick Gniewek and Mary Petrie were married August 3, 1949, in Immaculate Conception Church, Dominion, by Rev. R. J. Laffin. They were blessed with six children.

#2 Group

Larry lives in Sydney.
Kevin,Sydney, married Rose Mugridge and has one boy and one girl.
Dominic,Halifax, married Ann Moores and has one boy.
Victoria lives in Halifax.
Tony lives in Halifax.
Karen lives in Thunder Bay.

Mary has been an active member of the Altar Society for many years.
Dominic sings in St. Mary s choir. He is a member of St. Michael s Benefit Society and was President for three terms. He was also a warden of the church for some years.
As a youngster, Dominic was an altar boy with Father O Connell for years.
Dominic worked in the Open Hearth Dept. of the Steel Plant and retired November 25, 1982.

It's the dancing Gniewek family! From left to right are Tony, Karen, Vickie and Dominic.

Have dance — will travel

By ELIZABETH PATTERSON
Staff Writer

It's off to Poland for the dancing Gniewek family.

On Friday, the four children of Dominic and Mary (Petrie) Gniewek, Henry Street, Sydney, will leave Halifax for the seventh World Festival Of Polish Folklore Ensembles in Rzeszow, Poland. There, they, along with 17 other Nova Scotia-based Polish folkdancers, will dance with 2,100 other performers from 80 countries.

The Nova Scotia dancers are members of the Pomorze Polish Folkdance Ensemble. Dominic Gniewek is the artistic coordinator of the group and an award winning choreographer. He's also a pharmacist. His brother Tony is an insurance salesman. Vickie is a dental hygienist while Karen is a nurse.

"We're really excited about this," Dominic Gniewek told the Post yesterday in a telephone interview from his Halifax pharmacy.

"It's the first time Eastern Canada has sent a group to the festival."

Although Gniewek and his brother and two sisters are now based in Halifax, he attributes his family's dancing success to their early training in Sydney under Stephanie Melnyk Black and Mary Pierrynowski.

"Sydney was a major influence," says Gniewek. "We got our training there."

The Pomorze troupe formed three years ago with four people and now has 35 members. Although 21 dancers are going overseas, seven are from Sydney's large Polish community. The Sydney representatives also include Bobby Kolanko, Francis Wludyka and Stephen Siepierski. Other troupe members include Gniewek's wife Anne and doctors, lawyers and architects from the Halifax area. Many of those people are originally from Poland. Gniewek says all would be going overseas if everyone had Canadian citizenship. He says there are at least 1,000 native Poles now living in Halifax.

The troupe practices for over three hours twice weekly. Gniewek says it's tough to find the time but everyone enjoys it. In addition to practice time and trips to Poland, the troupe does regular performaces throughout the province. They last performed in Sydney May 3.

In addition to their artistic duties, troupe members will be promoting the province when they're in Poland. Gniewek says troupe members will pass out Nova Scotia pins and carry the provincial flag when they arrive.

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